



Watershed Stewards Project

USFS SO Eureka Handbook
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US Forest Service Supervisors' Office Eureka

Site Handbook





Watershed Stewards Project Mission

The mission of the AmeriCorps Watershed Stewards Project is to conserve, restore, and enhance anadromous watersheds for future generations by linking education with high quality scientific practices.



Sockeye Salmon



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Introduction

Site Description

Location 1330 Bayshore Way
Eureka Ca, 95501

Agency US Forest Service Supervisors' Office
Affiliation

Description of Site Duties

AmeriCorps projects in the past have included aerial photo interpretation and mapping, GIS and Access database building, report writing, graphic design, survey work, hydrologic data collection, road damage surveys, stream diversion potential surveys, grazing analysis, spawner surveys and snorkel dives.

Projects and priorities at the SO change so members' experiences vary from year to year.



General Calendar of Duties at USFS SO

<i>Month</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Site Duties</i>	<i>Work Load</i>	<i>Typical Work Hours</i>
Fall				
October	Office/Field	WSP Member Orientation	Moderate	8 hour days – 5 days/wk (M-F 8:00-4:30)
November	Office/Field	Spawner Surveys/Restoration History Reports	Moderate	8 hour days – 5 days/wk (M-F 8:00-4:30)
Winter				
December	Office	Restoration History Reports.	Light	8 hour days – 5 days/wk (M-F 8:00-4:30)
January	Office	Restoration History Reports.	Light	8 hour days – 5 days/wk (M-F 8:00-4:30)
February	Office	Landslide Mapping	Light	8 hour days – 5 days/wk (M-F 8:00-4:30)
Spring				
March	Office	Landslide Mapping	Light	8 hour days – 5 days/wk (M-F 8:00-4:30)
April	Office/Field	Begin monitoring of previous year restoration projects	Light	8 hour days – 5 days/wk (M-F 8:00-4:30)
May	Office/Field	Continue monitoring work.	Moderate	8 hour days – 5 days/wk (M-F 8:00-4:30)
Summer				
June	Field	Begin layout for current year restoration work.	Busy	10 hour days – 4 days/wk (M-Th 7:00-5:30)
July	Field	Continue layout and begin implementation.	Busy	10 hour days – 4 days/wk (M-Th 7:00-5:30)
August	Field/Office	Summarize field season accomplishments	Busy	10 hour days – 4 days/wk (M-Th 7:00-5:30)



ISPs and Outreach Events

ISP Information

PALCO Marsh is located directly behind the Supervisor's Office and is a great place to take a break from work and enjoy the bay, which is an international destination for bird watchers. However, it can also be messy which makes it a great place to have an ISP.

Dennis Sutton, with Dad's Against Meth, has previously participated in a marsh cleanup by providing support and volunteers. You can call him at (707) 444-6273.

Lisa Savage of the City of Eureka offered to provide dumpsters and disposal of the trash. You can call her at (707) 441-4186.

Outreach Information

Humboldt Baykeeper (<http://www.humboldtbaykeeper.org>) is a great resource for local outreach opportunities.

For me, other WSP members proved to be a fantastic resource for outreach events. Helping your fellow Ameri*friends is a great excuse to explore Northern California and see what other sites are up to.

Education

Site / Region Specific Education Resources

Jerry Boberg built a fluvial geomorphology table, which demonstrates the creation and movement of stream channels, erosion and its often-disastrous effects. The table is hefty, and quite a process to set-up and break down, but it is totally worth it. It is both observational and hands-on, and the kids will definitely enjoy it.

In addition to the WSP Ed Binder, there are plenty of resources within the Supervisor's Office as well. Karen Kenfield is a great person to go to for ideas.

There might be Smokey Bear pencils, rulers, etc. available at the front desk to give to the students as prizes. There is also the Dollar Store at the mall that might have some fun watershed-related stickers, tattoos, or something to give away.



Local Ecology

Descriptions of Local Ecology

Situated along the spectacular Northern California coastline 280 miles north of San Francisco, the City of Eureka is one of California's best kept secrets. The city is bordered on one side by beautiful and functional Humboldt Bay, and on the other by mountains lush with giant redwoods. The average yearly temperature range stays between 47 and 58 degrees with coastal influenced fog year-round and significant rainfall in the winter months. The fog and rain is what makes this place so special. Without them there would be no giant redwoods! Sunshine days on the coast are rare, but when they do occur, you really appreciate them!

Housing and Local Resources

Housing Contact List

The Arcata Co-op, Eureka Co-op, and Eureka Natural Foods store have bulletin boards where people often post ads for roommates or available houses/apartments.

The Humboldt State University off-campus housing site can prove very helpful when looking for housing (<http://www.humboldt.edu/~housing/offcampus/>).

Local newspapers like the Times Standard (<http://times-standard.townnews.com/classifieds>) and Eureka Reporter (<http://classifieds.eurekareporter.com/admarket/rentals/>) are great resources as well. Also, try out Humboldt Craigslist (<http://humboldt.craigslist.org/>).

Local Resource Contacts

The HSU Library can be used by non-students.
Humboldt County Public Library (<http://www.humlib.org/branches/eureka/>)
Humboldt Baykeeper (<http://www.humboldtbaykeeper.org/>)
Northcoast Journal (<http://www.northcoastjournal.com/>)

City of Eureka Website (<http://www.ci.eureka.ca.gov/>)



Community Information

Map of Area



Community Demographics

Eureka takes up 14.4 square miles of Humboldt County and is home to 26,128 people, as of the 2000 census.

Check out Wikipedia (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eureka,_California) and City-Data (<http://www.city-data.com/city/Eureka-California.html>) for all-things demographic!

Community Services

The local bus service comes in handy! (<http://www.hta.org/>)



Entertainment and Community Events

Resources for Affordable Entertainment Options

Check out the Northcoast Journal for (<http://www.northcoastjournal.com/>) local events! There is a plethora of forests, beaches, rivers, and lakes to check out.

Bring or buy a bike! Ride down the Hammond Trail, to Mad River Beach, or the Community Forest in Arcata. It was not running this year, but the Arcata Bike Library (<http://www.arcata.com/greenbikes/>) is a great place to get a loaner bike if you cannot afford or find your own. I highly doubt you will not be able to find a decently priced used bike on the Humboldt Craigslist though.

If you like live music, this is a great place to live. Tons of bands and festivals make their way around Humboldt County for cheap! Look into volunteering or tabling at shows/festivals to get free or reduced price admission.

Make sure to check out Arts Alive (the first Saturday of each month in Old Town Eureka) and Arts Arcata (Second Friday of each month). It is free and fun! For a complete listing of things to do in all of Humboldt County check out Humboldt County California's Redwood Coast (<http://www.redwoods.info/index.asp>).

Recurring Event List

Arcata and Eureka Farmer's Markets are a great time to meet locals, buy fresh local produce, and get out in the sunshine!

Eureka Summer Concert Series, located on the boardwalk every Thursday night, is free!!



Helpful Hints

Be on time and prepared to go on field days! Six Rivers is a large forest and it often takes a few hours to get to your field site.

Check out the storeroom downstairs. There are plenty of envelopes, batteries, pens, pencils, markers, calendars, and tissues available for you to use for work or education purposes.

Volunteer to do the PM and monthly mileage checks on the vehicle you drive most often. It is a great opportunity to learn about cars and engines if you do not have any previous experience.

Many intelligent people work in this building and they can all probably give you some help if you need it!

Take advantage of the downtime during the winter months to explore the area. Attend outreach events in the southern or northern regions.

Attachments

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